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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Marriott Residence Inn
Sacramento, California

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Former Commissioner Celia Esquivel led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners present: Bert Bettis, Connie Chang, Rafael Cosio, Jim Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Karen Josephson, Hank Lacayo, Marian Last, Sharon Monck, Carlos Rodriguez, Tom Rowe, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Benny Yee

Commissioners excused: Richard Lundin, Barbara Mitchell, Cheryl Phillips, Virgie Walker,

Guests: Allison Ruff, Peter Rittenhouse, Celia J. Esquivel, Assembly Member Mariko Yamada, Assembly Member Bonne Lowenthal, Lynn Daucher, Joe Rodrigues, Susan DeMarois, Jennifer Gabales

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez, Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

III. Guest Speaker: Assembly Member Mariko Yamada, Chair, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

Assembly Member Yamada thanked the Commission for its work on senior centers, provided an overview of the afternoon's Legislative Oversight hearing, and discussed her priorities in the aging policy arena.

IV. Lunch Break

The Commission recessed for a brief working lunch.

V. Introductions

Commissioner Davis introduced Celia Esquivel, past member and chair of the CCoA and invited introductions from the Commissioners and guests.

VI. Approve Agenda

The June 22-23, 2010 agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Staggs/Rowe)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 22-23, 2010 AGENDA.

VII. Approve Minutes from April 13 - 14, 2010 CCoA meeting

The minutes of the April 13-14, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Staggs/Monck)

TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13-14, 2010 MEETING MINUTES.

VIII. Public Comments

Celia Esquivel commented on Assembly Member Yamada's discussion of the need for standardization of services throughout the state.

IX. Chair's Comments

A. Preview of September meeting in Eureka

Commissioner Davis reviewed plans for the September meeting in Eureka.

X. Executive Committee Meeting Report

Commissioner Davis commended the partnership with the Congress of California Seniors (CCS) and Commissioner Monck's leadership on the Senior Center Initiative.

A. Meeting of May 4, 2010 and Elder Justice Act Follow-Up

Commissioner Davis reviewed the May 4, 2010 Executive Committee action in support of full Congressional funding for Elder Justice Act programs. Sewell reported that a joint letter from CCoA, the CCS, CWDA, C4A, and Ombudsman Services of Northern California had gone to Congress requesting full Elder Justice Act funding for California.

B. Meeting Schedule 2011

The meeting schedule for 2011 was reviewed.

M/S/C (Monck/Last)

TO APPROVE THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011.

C. December 2010 – Joint Meeting with State Independent Living Council (SILC)

Plans for a December 2010 joint meeting in Burlingame with the SILC were reviewed. Fitzpatrick noted that former AoA Assistant Secretary Fernando Torres-Gil was recently appointed to the National Council on Disability and will be asked to address the joint meeting.

M/S/C (Monck/Last)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE SILC IN DECEMBER 2010.

D. AoA/UC Berkeley/CCoA Partnership Update

Commissioner Staggs reported on a proposed AoA/UC Berkeley/CCoA partnership and indicated that there had been no further activity.

E. Staff authority to position a bill that is identical to one positioned by CCoA in the previous year of the same session

Commissioner Davis reviewed Executive Committee's recommendation to authorize staff to position a bill that is identical to one positioned by CCoA in the previous year of the same session.

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Josephson)

TO AUTHORIZE STAFF, IF THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP IS UNCHANGED AND UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR, TO POSITION A BILL THAT IS IDENTICAL TO ONE POSITIONED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WITH FULL COMMISSION REVIEW TO OCCUR AT THE NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING, OR, IF THE MEMBERSHIP HAS CHANGED SUBSTANTIALY, TO POSTPONE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CCOA'S POSITION UNTIL OFFICIAL ACTION IS TAKEN.

F. Invitation by National Council on Aging (National Institute on Senior Centers).

Commissioner Davis reviewed an invitation from the NCOA/NISC for CCoA to participate in a Senior Center event to be held in conjunction with the American Society on Aging's (ASA) Annual Conference in San Francisco, April 2011.

M/S/C (Monck/Last)

TO REFER THE INVITATION TO THE SENIOR CENTER INITIATIVE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

XI. Statewide Elder Abuse Summit Report

Commissioner Bettis reported on the recent Elder Abuse Summit and a proposal to provide financial relief to victims of financial elder abuse through the Victim's Compensation Fund. The matter will be presented in more detail at a later meeting.

XII. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Activity Report

No report.

B. Financial Statement

Fitzpatrick reviewed CCoA's financial statements.

C. Lawsuit – Director Summons

Fitzpatrick reported receiving a summons, along with other state agency department officials and the Administration, as a defendant in the SEIU furlough lawsuit. The matter is to be handled by the Department of Personnel Administration at no cost to CCoA.

XIII. Special Presentation to Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

Commissioner Davis thanked Assembly Member Lowenthal for her work as past chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee and commended her efforts to pass legislation to improve the lives of older Californians. A certificate of appreciation was presented to her.

XIV. California Department of Aging Update, Lynn Daucher, CDA Director

Director Daucher discussed a recent proposal to eliminate the Department of Aging and outlined CDA's mandated responsibilities under the Older Americans Act. She announced upcoming requirements from CMS to transition people out of nursing homes and the State's receipt of a New Freedom Transportation Grant to establish mobility coordinators in the Area Agencies on Aging.

XV. Advocacy & Policy Committee

Commissioner Rowe reviewed Advocacy and Policy Committee recommendations to support AB 1932 (Hernandez), AB 2051 (Tran), AB 2274 (Beall), and SB 1084 (Liu), and to watch AB 2120 (Silva). AB 1593 was struck from the agenda due to the fact that it had been positioned at an earlier meeting.

M/S/C (Phillips/Josephson)

TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT AB 1932 (HERNANDEZ), AB 2051 (TRAN), AB 2274 (BEALL), AND SB 1084 (LIU), AND TO WATCH AB 2120 (SILVA).

The meeting adjourned for the Legislative Oversight Hearing at 1:30 p.m.

XVI. Recess until 9:00 a.m. June 23, 2010.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010

Commissioner Davis reconvened the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

XVII. Guest Speaker: Joe Rodrigues, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and newly elected President, National Association of State Long Term Care Ombudsman Programs (LTCOP)

Rodrigues reported on issues affecting LTCOP in California and nationally. He outlined several state and national efforts to increase program funding.

XVIII. Senior Center Initiative Committee Report

Commissioner Last reported on Committee's meeting and recommendation to distribute CCoA's Senior Center Initiative Report electronically.

M/S/C (Staggs/Rowe)

TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE REPORT.

XIX. State Plan on Aging Committee Report

Commissioner Ueland reported on the State Plan Goal regarding volunteerism and recommendation to send letter to CDA requesting that their website include a link to the California Volunteers website.

M/S/C (Last/Phillips)

TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

XX. Unfinished Business

A. State Alzheimer's Plan Update Susan DeMarois, Project Director, Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force

Ms. DeMarois provided an update on the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force efforts. She reported that the Plan would be finalized in September, with dissemination and implementation to occur during the following year under the oversight of the Alzheimer's Advisory Committee.

B. 1115 Medi-Cal Waiver & Dual Eligible Technical Work Group

Commissioner Phillips reviewed the 1115 Medi-Cal waiver process and reported on the status of the waiver application.

C. State Budget Update

No report.

XXI. New Business

**A. Projected Economic Impact of Eliminating California's
Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Program: A Lewin Group Report.**

Presenters: Lisa Alecxih, Vice President, Center on Long Term Care, The Lewin Group, and Jennifer Gabales, California Association of Adult Day Services.

Ms. Alecxih discussed projecting the economic implications of Adult Day Health service closures throughout the state. Gabales outlined the efforts underway to avoid program elimination through the state budget process.

XXII. Next Meeting: September 14 – 15, 2010 in Eureka

XXIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.